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KHABAROVSK TIMBER INDUSTRY LAGS;
OTHERS FULFILL PLAN

"Khabarovskies" Trust Criticized -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 49, 1 Mar 49

F. Vedev, chief of the Heavy Industry Section of the Khabarovsk Kray Committee VKP(b), reports that the timber industry is the bottle-neck in the kray's economic development. The "Khabarovskles" Trust logged 37 percent less timber in 1948 than in 1940. Lack of timber for industrial uses has slowed the work of the fish plants which lack sufficient supplies of packing materials. Sawmills in the kray are not being used to capacity. Mills of the "Dal'drev" (Far East Timber) Trust are only 50 percent utilized.

The kray's timber managements have received great quantities of mechanized logging and transport equipment in recent years. Mechanized logging in the enterprises of "Khabarovskles" Trust in 1940 was 0.1 percent of the total volume of logging, whereas now that percent has increased to 8.1. It has been planned to log 39.8 percent of the timber in 1949 by electric saw. In 1940, transport of timber by tractor, truck, and locomotive was 30.8 percent and is now 58.5 percent of the total transport. Mechanized transport will be increased to 70 percent of the total volume in 1949. Mechanized loading of timber has doubled, and logging enterprises in the kray have recently received a considerable increase in permanent personnel.

The timber industry's pledge, of 50,000 cubic meters of timber above the seasonal plan by 20 March, has been jeopardized by the work lag which began after the first of the year. The "Knezhovskies" Trust completed only 71.8 percent of the January plan for timber transport and has not fulfilled the February plan for logging. Grigor'yev, Mal'tsev, and Moiseyenko, directors of the Trust, have not taken necessary measures to organize work and to ensure increased volume of logging for 1949. In January 30 percent of the tractors and 28 percent of the trucks were not in operation. Delay in procuring spare parts and materials has put many tractors out of commission. Many of the several thousand kolhoz workers in kray timber enterprises in 1949 are not fulfilling their quotas and labor discipline is weak in the brigades.

In order to complete the season plan by 20 March, Khabarovsk timber enterprises must improve efficiency, organize two and three shifts for operating machines, and transport no less than 18,500 cubic meters of timber per day.

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Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 52, 4 Mar 49

The "Khabarovskles" (Khabarovsk Timber) Trust includes ten enterprises extending from Lake Kizi in Nizhne-Amur Oblast to the tributaries of the Khor River and the Kur and Urm River. Trust timber managements, such as the Khor, transport timber by floating, while others, including the Oborskoye and Vyazemskoye, use railroad transport. All enterprises of the trust have been equipped with modern technical equipment.

The main cause for the lag in the trust's fulfillment of plans is the inefficient administration and lack of control by its director, Shulyat'yev and Chief Engineer Grigor'yev. The administration of the trust includes 50 persons, the majority of whom are specialists with many years of experience in the timber industry and 19 of whom have had higher and secondary technical education.

ESTONIAN TIMBER INDUSTRY FULFILLS PLAN -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 47, 26 Feb 49

Logging enterprises of the Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry Estonian SSR were foremost in the socialist competition for fulfillment of the seasonal hauling plan ahead of schedule. The seasonal plan for timber hauling was fulfilled 100.2 percent on 23 February, i.e., 2 weeks earlier than last year.

SHOP COMPLETED IN KONDOPOGA COMBINE -- Leninskoye Znanya, No 27, 9 Feb 49

The Kondopoga Cellulose-Paper Combine imeni Kirov completed a new consumer goods shop 2 months ahead of schedule. The shop will produce 60,000 packs of mimeograph paper and 100,000 notebooks per year from waste.

Leninskoye Znanya, No 22, 2 Feb 49

The Kondopoga Cellulose-Paper Combine imeni Kirov fulfilled the January plan for paper output 104 percent. The combine has pledged to complete the Five-Year Plan for reconstruction of the combine, and to achieve the prewar capacity for paper production in 1949.

KHILOK SAWMILL NEARS COMPLETION -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 48, 11 Mar 49

The Khilok City Industrial Combine, Chita Oblast, will soon put a new sawmill into operation. A locomobile and saw frame have already been installed. The enterprise will produce up to 20 cubic meters of lumber per day for construction projects in the rayon and also for enterprises in Chita.

LARGE TIMBER RESERVES IN IRKUTSK OBLAST -- Kommunist, No 48, 27 Feb 49

Over two thirds of Irkutsk Oblast, or 55 million hectares, is covered with forests. Timber reserves in this oblast are estimated at 6.4 billion cubic meters.

PACKING MATERIALS COMBINE ABOLISHED -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 63, 1 Apr 49

The Zyryanovsk Wooden Packing Materials Combine of the Ministry of Fish Industry Kazakh SSR has been abolished.

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PLEDGE FIVE-YEAR PLAN FULFILLMENT BY 19 APRIL -- Sovetskaya Latvya, No 47,
26 Feb 49

During 1948, workers of the "Buvgaldniye" (Furniture) Plant in Riga saved over 500,000 rubles above plan. Since the beginning of 1949, the plant is exceeding its production program.

The "Buvgaldniye" Plant pledged to speed up the production cycle by 9 days, and release 68,000 rubles of working capital. The plant also promised to fulfill the Five-Year Plan by 19 April, the opening of the Tenth Congress of Trade Unions USSR.

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